

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the Title and before the first paragraph on page 1:

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 11, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 is a flowchart depicting a method for recycling refrigerators and a method for producing vacuum insulation material as a recycled article according to a first-second embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 18, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the adjustment of the percentage of inorganic material content is done by removing some amount of the inorganic material, it is of course possible to reduce the percentage of inorganic material content, or even to increase the percentage of inorganic material content by adding a desired amount of the removed inorganic material. It is also possible, by selecting the removal method and removal conditions, to classify into two groups of waste materials: one group of waste materials with decreased inorganic material content and the other group of waste materials with increased inorganic material content. Furthermore, the provision of separating process [[3]] 17 prevents the integral units from being pulverized together with other units, thus forming particle board 13 with very few impurities.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 22, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the provision of separating process [[3]] 17 prevents the integral units from being pulverized together with other units, thus forming vacuum insulation material 16 with very few impurities.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 30, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since being made of the waste materials which have been cut out as integral units of the rigid urethane foam and the vacuum insulation material in separating process [[3]] 17 without being pulverized together with other units, particle board 13 contains very few impurities.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 31, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since being made of the waste materials which have been cut out as integral units of the rigid urethane foam and the vacuum insulation material in separating process [[3]] 17 without being pulverized together with other units, particle board 13 contains very few impurities, thus showing more excellent insulation performance than in the eighth embodiment.